

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary) Sheet 1 of 4		Atty. Docket No. 4002-3471/PC689.02		Serial No. New Application		
		Applicant Charles L. Branch				
		Filing Date Herewith		Group		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Filing Date If appropriate
PP	1	563,236	06/1896	Penhall			
	2	2,661,735	12/1953	Darden			
	3	3,054,398	09/1962	Kobler			
	4	3,752,149	08/1973	Ungar et al.			
	5	3,788,318	1/1974	Kim et al.			
	6	4,263,899	04/1981	Burgin			
	7	4,545,374	10/1985	Jacobson			
	8	4,616,635	10/1986	Caspar et al.			
	9	4,716,901	1/1988	Jackson et al.			
	10	4,747,394	5/1988	Watanabe			
	11	4,747,395	05/1988	Brief			
	12	4,765,311	8/1988	Kulik et al.			
	13	4,817,587	4/1989	Janese			
	14	4,852,552	08/1989	Chaux			
	15	4,899,729	2/1990	Gill et al.			
	16	5,027,793	07/1991	Englehardt et al.			
	17	5,052,373	10/1991	Michelson			
	18	5,125,396	6/1992	Ray			
	19	5,139,511	8/1992	Gill et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							Yes	No
PP	20	EP1 192 905	9/2001	EP	—	—		X

Examiner /Pedro Philogene/	Date Considered 08/29/2006
-------------------------------	-------------------------------

*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not incant.

004002-003006.DAC.205038

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)				Atty. Docket No. 4002-3471/PC689.02	Serial No. New Application	
--	--	--	--	--	-------------------------------	--

Sheet 2 of 4

Applicant
Charles L. Branch

Filing Date
Herewith

Group

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Filing Date If appropriate
PP	21	5,158,545	10/1992	Trudell et al.			
	22	5,163,949	11/1992	Bonutti			
	23	5,197,971	3/1993	Bonutti			
	24	5,312,417	5/1994	Wilk			
	25	5,339,803	8/1994	Mayzels et al.			
	26	5,353,784	10/1994	Nady-Mohamed			
	27	5,389,080	02/1995	Yoon			
	28	5,490,819	2/1996	Nicholas et al.			
	29	5,503,617	4/1996	Jako			
	30	5,509,893	4/1996	Pracas			
	31	5,512,038	4/1996	O'Neal et al.			
	32	5,549,595	8/1996	Freitas			
	33	5,573,517	11/1996	Bonutti et al.			
	34	5,618,260	4/1997	Caspar et al.			
	35	5,674,240	10/1997	Bonutti et al.			
	36	5,667,481	9/1997	Villalta et al.			
	37	5,681,265	10/1997	Maeda et al.			
	38	5,688,223	11/1997	Rosendahl			
	39	5,707,359	1/1998	Bufalini			
	40	5,728,046	3/1998	Mayer et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							Yes	No

Examiner <i>/Pedro Philogene/</i>	Date Considered <i>08/29/2006</i>
--------------------------------------	--------------------------------------

*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)				Atty. Docket No. 4002-3471/PC689.02		Serial No. New Application	
				Applicant Charles L. Branch			
				Filing Date Herewith		Group	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*Examiner Initial		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Filing Date If appropriate
PP	41	5,755,732	5/1998	Green et al.			
	42	5,776,054	7/1998	Bobra			
	43	5,779,629	7/1998	Hohlen			
	44	5,786,648	7/1998	Min			
	45	5,795,291	8/1998	Koros et al.			
	46	5,813,978	9/1998	Jako			
	47	5,823,947	10/1998	Yoon et al.			
	48	5,865,731	2/1999	Lenox et al.			
	49	5,888,196	3/1999	Bonutti			
	50	5,928,139	7/1999	Koros et al.			
	51	5,931,777	8/1999	Sava			
	52	5,944,658	8/1999	Koros et al.			
	53	5,951,466	9/1999	Segermark et al.			
	54	5,961,499	10/1999	Bonutti et al.			
	55	5,976,146	11/1999	Ogawa et al.			
	56	6,027,518	02/2000	Gaber			
	57	6,042,540	03/2000	Johnston et al.			
	58	6,074,380	6/2000	Byrne et al.			
	59	6,096,046	8/2000	Weiss			
	60	6,099,547	8/2000	Gellman et al.			
	61	6,149,583	11/2000	Vierra et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation
							Yes No
Examiner /Pedro Philogene/				Date Considered 08/29/2006			

*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

004002-003471:DAC:268290



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Atty. Docket No.
4002-3471/PC689.02

Serial No.
10/792,358

Applicant

Charles L. Branch

Filing Date
March 3, 2004

Group

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in cant.

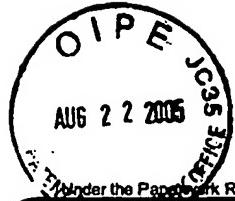
004002-003471.DAC.290969

x did not received these.



*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not pertinent.

004002-003471.DAC.307131



PTO/SB/08A (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
A collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1

of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/792,358
Filing Date	March 3, 2004
First Named Inventor	Charles L. Branch
Art Unit	3732
Examiner Name	Unknown

Attorney Docket Number **MSDI-90/PC689.02**

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ² -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (# known)			
PP		EP 0 951 868 A1	27.10.1999	Waldemar Link GmbH & Co.	
PP		EP 9 856 286 A1	05.08.1998	Couetil, Jean-Paul	

Examiner Signature	/Pedro Philogene/	Date Considered	08/29/2006
--------------------	-------------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Translation is attached.
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.